

stress of modern conditions.
 Amusements satisfy
 an impulse for change which gives joy to
 life and
 lightens the weight of advancing years.
 We owe
 to domestic servants the comfort and
 orderliness
 of our houses.

No shiftings of wealth that are
 confined to the
 members of a community can lessen the
 com-
 munity's total wealth, however
 disadvantageous
 they may be from the moral or
 philanthropic
 standpoint. The extravagance of the
 rich in the
 end provides honest folk with food and
 lodging,
 however unworthy be the hands to
 which the
 money is first scattered. Expenditure
 upon
 armaments is frequently deplored as a
 waste of
 national resources ; but it passes on the
 wealth
 current and provides subsistence for
 thousands
 of men as effectively as expenditure
 upon school-
 houses or motor-cars. The enormous cost
 of the
 Panama Canal is **no** net loss to the
 United States :
 the outlay has in the main passed
 through American
 hands, and is, so far, merely a
 transfer of
 wealth from the body of tax-payers to
 some of its
 members.

The wealth-stream flows past
 everyone's door.
 Some receive profuse supplies from it;
 others
 may scarcely enjoy a few drops.
 Industry may
 help itself from the stream, but only by
 pannikins :
 the plodding workman, the careful
 seamstress,
 seldom earn more than a bare
 subsistence. If we

desire a more liberal measure we must
obtain it
by influencing others—by inducing
them, so to
speak, to lower a bucket and draw for
us—if we,
in return, will satisfy an impulse
which they
cannot conveniently satisfy themselves.
So we
draw for shop-keepers in return for
comforts and